



EXPANDED: County Recycling Program

On September 21, 2009, Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett announced additional mixed paper items and commingled materials that are now accepted at the Montgomery County Recycling Center.

Wax-coated and plastic-coated paper items, such as milk and juice cartons, paper ice cream containers and lids, frozen food boxes, fruit and produce boxes, paper coffee and beverage cups, and juice and drink boxes, can now be recycled as mixed paper at the County's Recycling Center in Derwood. The expansion in commingled materials includes non-hazardous aerosol cans (spray cooking oil, whipped topping, deodorant, hair spray and shaving cream) and reusable and durable plastic containers and lids, such as Tupperware® or Rubbermaid®-type containers.



"Our great recycling program has just gotten even greater with the addition of these new items. The goal is to reduce our waste stream to the bare minimum and have as many things as possible either recycled or reused. We've just taken another giant step in that direction," Leggett said during his announcement.

Can multi-family properties recycle these additional materials?

Recyclable materials from multi-family properties are taken to a variety of recycling centers in the metropolitan area, including the Montgomery County Recycling Center. Many of these recycling centers accept these additional materials; however, not all of them do at this time. To find out if you and your residents can recycle the additional materials, contact your recycling collector and find out where they take your recyclable materials and whether or not that facility will accept wax-coated and plastic-coated paper items, non-hazardous aerosol cans, and Tupperware®-type containers. If the collector says the facility will not accept the additional materials, ask them to take your material to a facility that will accept the material. You may also consider finding a different collector who will accept the additional materials.



The expansion automatically applies to single-family residents with County-provided curbside recycling collection service because their materials are brought to our Recycling Center.

If the expansion does apply to your property, please spread the news among your residents and staff, and watch your trash volume decrease! With each expansion, the County gets ever closer to recycling all that can be recycled and meeting the County's goal to recycle 50 percent of all waste generated in the county.

Questions?

Please call the TRRAC program at 240-777-6446.



PLAN AN EVENT!

Most of us know the recycling basics: newspaper, cardboard, bottles, and cans. But what about this morning's coffee cup or the microwave that has been sitting in storage? Whether you want to educate your residents, your staff, or even yourself, recycling awareness events are a great way to learn about what's new in recycling as well as brush-up on the fundamentals.

TRRAC staff participated in many events this fall, including pool parties, a movie night, a presentation to an apartment community's after-school program, presentations at resident meetings, and bilingual staff trainings.

Korean Residents Talk Recycling

On September 16, residents at University Gardens, a senior living community in Silver Spring, were able to gain valuable information about the benefits of recycling—in their native language.

To increase recycling participation, University Gardens Housing Manager Gina Oak requested Montgomery County's assistance with a recycling presentation for her residents. All of the residents speak Korean, and some speak only Korean. Through the County's Volunteer Language Bank, recycling specialist Jim Corcoran teamed up with Jean Toh, who served as a translator during the presentation.

While enjoying refreshments, residents learned about recycling, asked questions, and offered input on how to improve the property's recycling program. After the presentation, each resident received an apartment-sized recycling bin.

A few weeks later, Gina was enthusiastic about the outcome. "It was very successful and the first of its kind [using a Korean translator]. I don't know any specific numbers yet, but I can definitely tell that our recycling bins are overflowing now! Even I learned a lot. I would recommend it not only to other multi-family homes but to any other groups or organizations that would want to better their recycling efforts."

Community Service Day

On October 24, residents at Manchester Manor Apartments, Tanglewood Apartments, and Sligo Hills Apartments in Silver Spring were treated to on-site paper shredding/recycling and the opportunity to donate clothing and household goods to families in need. Montgomery County collaborated with Office Paper Systems, A Wider Circle, and the Housing Opportunities Commission to provide these services in the parking areas of these properties. Montgomery County volunteers and staff also went door-to-door, placing apartment-sized recycling bins and recycling information at the door of every apartment, and replaced the labels and posters at the collection areas to raise resident recycling awareness. This event was part of the countywide Community Service Day, a day of volunteering to encourage the spirit of giving among county residents.

Let us know what your community needs, and we will work with you to create a successful event. If you would like to explore having a special on-site paper shredding/recycling event, a presentation in a language other than English, or even an informational recycling table in the lobby, contact us! You can pick the date and a convenient location at your property, and our staff will come with the tools and knowledge to get everyone started.



You can now
receive
the TRRAC
newsletter
electronically!



Contact Lauren Kuhn at 240-777-6446 or
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NEW! MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Brochures, Videos, Posters, and More

With an expanded list of what can be recycled, it is time to update your residents! Visit our web site, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling, to download or order new and updated recycling resources for your property. New materials available include:

- an **informative 13-minute video** about recycling at multi-family properties for residents – have a viewing party in a community room, start off your next resident meeting with this quick film, or encourage new residents to watch it
- a **series of colorful, laminated, 18"x 24" bilingual (English/Spanish) recycling information posters** for your collection areas, depicting what should and should not be placed in the recycling collection containers – one for commingled materials, one for mixed paper, and one for scrap metal
- a **colorful recycling brochure** for Spanish-speaking residents that relies primarily on graphics
- an **educational activity booklet** for children living in multi-family properties that explains how and why to recycle

In addition to the new materials, updated materials you are already familiar with are available. These include the "1-2-3" recycling brochure for residents, the "YES, RECYCLE!" poster, and recycling collection container labels. The "YES, RECYCLE" poster is now bilingual, so you will only need one per collection area, saving you time and reducing paper consumption. To further reduce paper consumption, all brochures can be downloaded for posting to your community web site or for distribution to your residents via e-mail.



RECYCLING SEMINAR

DON'T MISS IT!

Join us on Thursday, November 19, 2009 for Montgomery County's Multi-Family Recycling Seminar to learn how to make your recycling program one of the most "green" elements at your property. The seminar will provide important details on the County's recent expansion in materials that can be recycled and how it applies to your property, as well as an overview of how to implement and maintain a comprehensive recycling program in compliance with County recycling regulations. County staff will share lessons learned regarding how to overcome recycling challenges and increase your properties recycling rate. Guest speakers from multi-family property management companies will provide a broad range of perspectives on creating and maintaining recycling programs, and how recycling programs factor into a property's "green" image.

Through presentations and conversations, the seminar is always a great way to interact with other multi-family property representatives and hear about one another's creative recycling program achievements. All are welcome!

The seminar will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2009, from 9am to 2pm at the Bethesda Marriott located at 5151 Pooks Hill Road in Bethesda, Maryland. To register, please call 240-899-2222, e-mail lisa@bwfcom.com, or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling. A \$10 registration fee is required when you attend the seminar; cash or checks will be accepted at the door.

Schedule a holiday-themed
waste reduction event in
advance of the holidays!





Join people across the country in celebrating America Recycles Day, a day recognized annually to encourage everyone to recycle more and buy products made with recycled content. It all adds up! You can promote the social, environmental and economic benefits of recycling with your staff and your residents. If you already purchase recycled-content office paper, what about recycled-content napkins, paper towels, or toilet paper? Have you sent your residents information about recycling lately?

Please invite your residents to our events!

The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services is hosting four paper shredding/recycling and household good donation events on November 14 and 15—see specific times and locations on the right. County residents may bring up to 5 paper bags or boxes of personal paper for on-site shredding and can also donate items such as dining ware, books, tables, fans, chairs, lamps, and clothing that are in usable and working condition.

There are many ways to get your community educated and excited about recycling! Please contact us at 240-777-6446 or visit our web site for more information.

America Recycles Day

Plan your own event or invite your residents to one of ours:

Saturday, November 14, 2009

- Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center
3300 Briggs Chaney Road
Silver Spring, MD 20904
10:00am-2:00pm
- Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road
Germantown, MD 20874
10:00am-2:00pm

Sunday, November 15, 2009

- Kennedy High School
901 Randolph Road
Silver Spring, MD 20902
8:00am-12:00pm
- Walt Whitman High School
7100 Whittier Boulevard
Bethesda, MD 20817
1:00pm-5:00pm

Other Upcoming Events

Multi-Family Recycling Seminar

Thursday, November 19, 2009
Bethesda Marriott •
5151 Pooks Hill Road
Bethesda, MD 20814
9:00am-2:00pm

Annual Recycling and Waste Reduction Reports

Due Monday, February 1, 2010

Multi-Family Recycling Seminar

Tuesday, March 9, 2010
Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center
9751 Washingtonian Boulevard
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
9:00am-2:00pm

Earth Day

Thursday, April 22, 2010
Look for special events county-wide or plan your own!



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